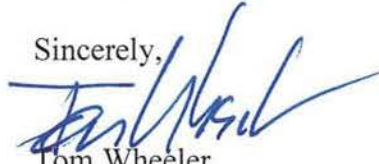


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United States Senate
124 Russell Senate Office Building
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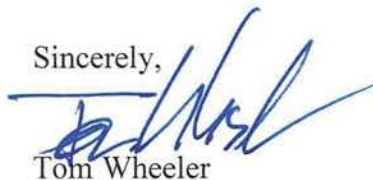
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United States Senate
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United States Senate
483 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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United States Senate
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United States Senate
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United States Senate
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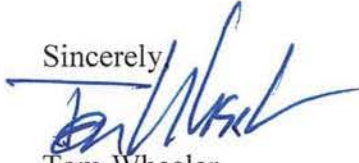
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United States Senate
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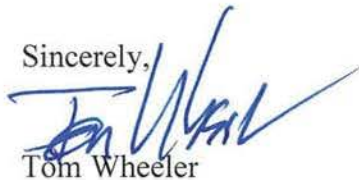
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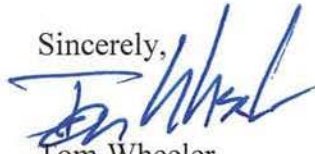
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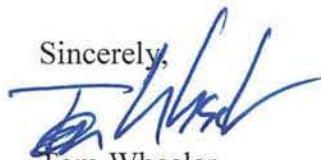
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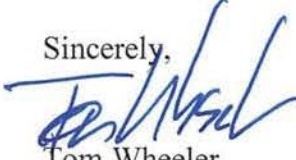
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